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It is with many apologies that we distribute copies of Newsletter No. 3. We had originally planned to issue No. 3 about a year ago, but for numerous reasons we didn't do it on time, and now it is 1971! This means, of course, that some of the information we give below is out of date, and we apologize for this. We fondly hope that future issues will appear on a regular basis, for obviously a newsletter which is issued only once every two years is of very little use.

Although we are determined to be more punctual with future Newsletters, the content and value of the Newsletters will depend entirely on contributions from echinoderm workers. Thus we would very much like to receive from you lists of recent publications and papers in press (published or submitted within the past two years), information on current research projects, in fact anything you think would be appropriate for circulation to the echinoderm community.

We apologize, too, for numerous errors in the original name and address list. Enclosed is a list of corrections.

We thank Mr. D. K. Serafy for his generous help with the preparation of this Newsletter.

David L. Pawson Maureen E. Downey

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Gigantic Starfish

Weight - Miss Elisabeth POPE (see The Fisherman, June, 1970) is working on a huge starfish collected at Noumea, New Caledonia. It is a new species. When alive, the specimen was about 63 cm. across, and weighed 5.5 kilograms. This would appear to be by far the most massive starfish on record.

Size - While dredging from R/V Alaminos in the Gulf of Mexico, Miss Maureen DOWNEY watched anxiously as the dredge was brought aboard the ship, for precariously balanced across the mouth of the dredge was a huge brisingid starfish in perfect condition. A paper is now in press describing it as a new genus and species. The specimen is approximately 1.13 meters across.

It is perhaps fortunate that most echinoderms are much smaller than these giants, for otherwise museums would have the same problems storing echinoderms as they do with whale skeletons.

Forthcoming Conference

The First International Congress of Systematic and Evolutionary Biology is to be held at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A., on August 4 - 11, 1973. It is organized by the International Association for Plant Taxonomy and the Society for Systematic Zoology. The first announcement of the Congress was published in the December, 1970 issue of the botanical journal Taxon. Please see that announcement for further details.

While studying variation in Lytechinus variegatus (Lmk.) in Bermuda one of us (DLP) was intrigued by the variety of material with which Lytechinus covers its aboral surface. Pieces of algae and broken shell were most popular, but a variety of man-made objects were also found. One urchin was clinging steadfastly to a plastic spoon; another to a small paper cup; the pop-off tops of beer cans are becoming increasingly fashionable, as are small pieces of colored glass.

The story is told of a boat operator at the Bermuda Biological Station who lost his wallet somewhere in Harrington Sound, Bermuda. Several days later the same boat operator took a party of students into Harrington Sound to do some diving. One student found a <u>Lytechinus</u> with a \$5 bill wrapped around its aboral surface. A second student then found an urchin carrying \$10 bill. Finally, a third student found a specimen carrying the missing wallet!

Suggestions and Requests

- Alan J. DARTNALL would like to examine starfishes identified as Patiriella exigua (Lamarck) from St. Paul Island, the east coast of Africa north of Durban, Madagascar and the Cocos Islands.
- M. K. DURKIN wishes to determine the whereabouts of type material of species in the echinoid genus Holaster.
- Richard L. TURNER would like to receive information on the distribution and brood protection in the asteroid <u>Ctenodiscus</u>. He is also interested in correspondence on the effects of lime (quicklime) on echinoderms and other soft-bodied invertebrates.
- D. B. JAMES and R. S. Lal MOHAN recently completed a bibliography of the echinoderms of the Indian Ocean. They would like to receive titles of references on Indian Ocean echinoderms which are not included in their bibliography.
- D. K. SERAFY is looking for specimens of <u>Lytechinus variegatus pallidus</u> or <u>Lytechinus</u> sp. from the Cape Verdes.

Several correspondents have suggested the foundation of a publication dealing exclusively with the echinoderms (similar in nature to Veliger, Crustaceana, etc.), even to the point of proposing names (Pluteus, Pentagon, etc.) for the journal. This idea would appear to merit discussion along several lines. Such questions as: Is such a journal really necessary? Would there be enough interest and contributions to make the venture self-supporting? Aren't there enough journals already? and others must be answered. We will be happy to circulate opinions for or against an echinoderms journal; if you have something to say about it, please write.

Does anybody have any new ideas concerning long-term preservation media for echinoderms? Has anybody discovered a simple, effective method for preserving color?

Current Research Projects

- G. J. BAKUS ecology of coral reef holothurians; toxicity in holothurians and its effect on inshore fishes.
- J. C. BAUER biology and productivity of <u>Diadema</u> antillarum and some other common sea urchins.
- J. Fr. BOCKELIE Ordovician cystoids of Norway; morphology, systematics, ecology and stratigraphy.
- Einar BRUN Revision of Scandinavian asteroids. Ecology and taxonomy of genus Henricia in North European waters.
- A. M. CHRISTENSEN feeding biology of asteroids.
- Barbara CORRY echinoderm physiology, particularly <u>Axiognathus</u> (=<u>Amphipholis</u>) squamata.
- M. K. DURKIN phylogeny, morphology and ecology of the echinoid genera Holaster and Salenia.
- Judith J. EASTWOOD spectral sensitivity, neural and morphological development of larval <u>Lytechinus variegatus</u>.
- I. EMERSON ecology of asteroid populations in Newfoundland embayments.
- Lucienne FENAUX maturation of gonads in irregular sea urchins <u>Spatangus</u> <u>purpureus</u>, <u>Echinocardium mediterraneum</u> and <u>Brissus unicolor</u>; larval development of <u>Echinocardium mediterraneum</u>.
- B. M. HEATFIELD physiology of echinoderm skeleton formation; light and scanning microscopy of skeleton; ultrastructure of skeleton-forming tissue in regenerating spines of echinoids.
- E. P. HODGKIN asteroid fauna of South-Western Australia.
- $\begin{array}{c} {\tt Michel\ JANGOUX\ -\ anatomy\ and\ comparative\ histophysiology\ of\ asteroid\ digestive\ tracts.} \end{array}$
- Margit JENSEN Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis, S. pallidus and Psammechinus miliaris; feeding, growth and longevity of populations from Norwegian Fjords.
- Phyllis T. JOHNSON protein uptake by epithelial cells of <u>Strongylocentrotus</u> species, through radioactive isotope methods.

- A. M. MACKIE chemical basis of escape responses of marine invertebrates to predatory starfish.
- Konrad MAERKEL Structure of teeth of regular and irregular sea urchins; growth of the sea urchin test.
- C. W. MAJOR physiology of echinoderms; iodine organification in <u>Cucumaria</u> frondosa.
- Mary D. MALONE Distribution and ecology of Irish echinoderms. Particular interest in populations of Paracentrotus lividus and Antedon bifida.
- T. R. MARCUS ultrastructure of echinoderm tissues, particularly echinoids.
- David NICHOLS hydrodynamics of the echinoderm water-vascular system; structure of echinoderm skeleton.
- P. B. NOBLE effects of adenosine nucleotides on cleavage of Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis and Cucumaria frondosa.
- Kayo OKAZAKI in vitro culture of the primary mesenchyme cells of sea urchin larvae. Crystallographic studies on larval spicules of sea urchins.
- R. J. PENTREATH uptake of heavy metals by echinoderms.
- Irwin POLLS behavioral aspects of righting in the asteroids Henricia leviusulca and Leptasterias aequalis.
- H. W. RASMUSSEN Cretaceous Crinoidea (Comatulida and Roveacrinida) of England and France; Lower Tertiary Crinoidea, Ophiuroidea and Asteroidea from England and Denmark.
- G. D. RUGGIERI effects of extracts from various echinoderms on the development of the sea urchin.
- K. SATYANARAYANARAO gonads of asteroids and echinoids biochemistry and histochemistry.
- R. L. SINGLETARY ecology of some amphiurid ophiuroids from Biscayne Bay, Florida.
- Yutaka TAHARA secondary sexual characters in sea urchins their morphology and development.
- R. L. TURNER the asteroid <u>Ctenodiscus crispatus</u>; plate orientation and morphology with respect to growth stages; variation of external characteristics; reproductive biology.
- R. L. VADAS ecology and population dynamics of benthic marine algae and Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis.

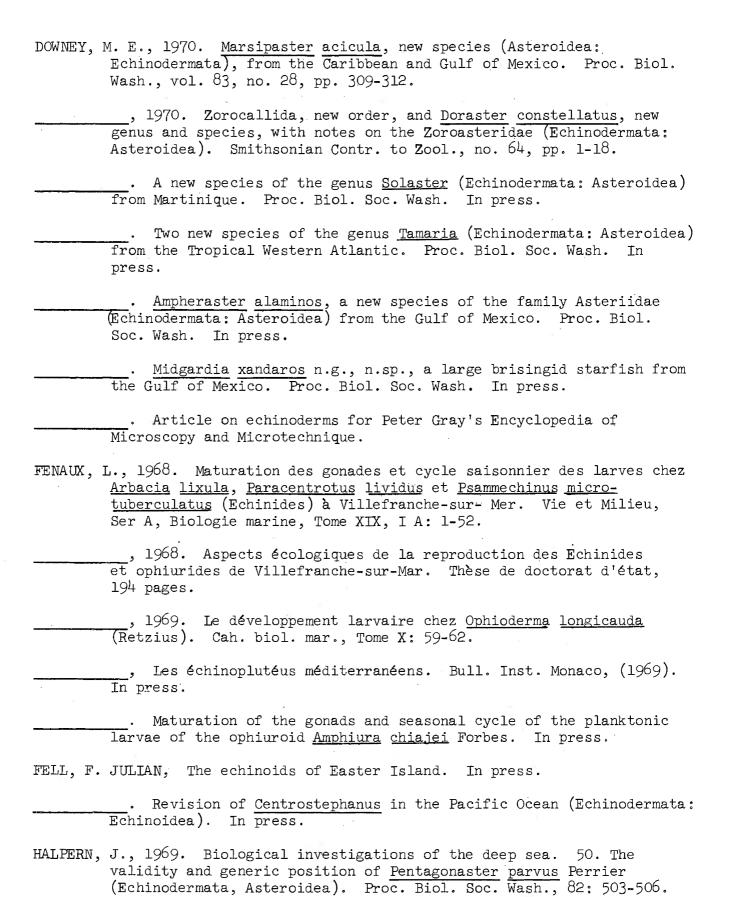
- Kathleen A. WOOLLEY digestive physiology of Asteroidea enzyme localization in pyloric caeca.
- C. W. WRIGHT Swedish Upper Cretaceous asteroids.
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Recent Publications and Papers in Press

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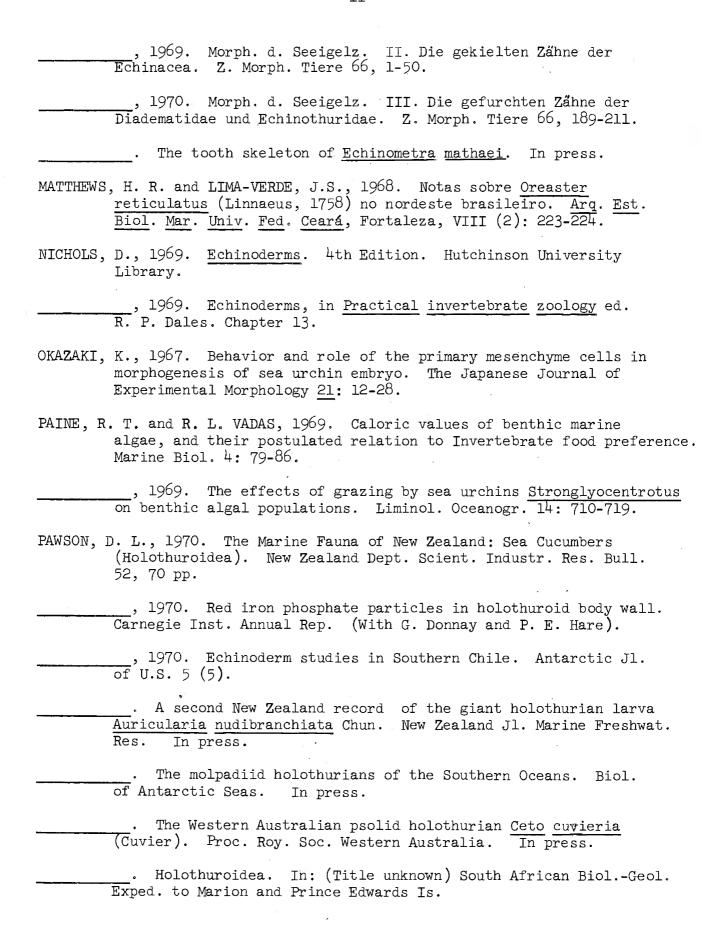
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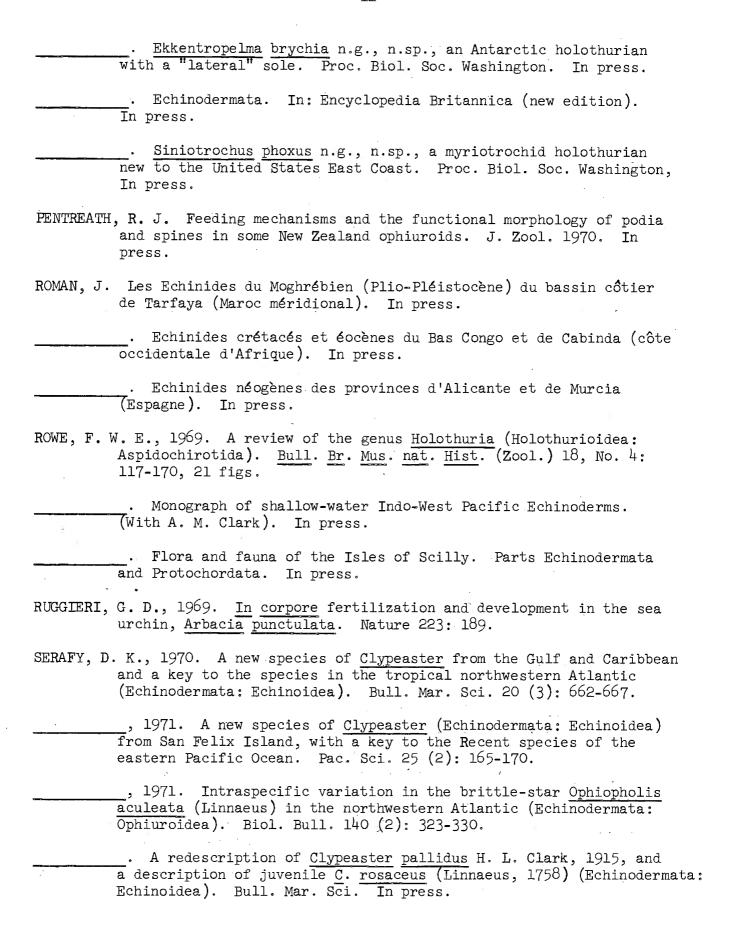
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Theses dealing with Echinoderms

In the course of his teaching and research, Dr. John Lawrence has collected a list of Masters and Doctoral theses, most of which have been written during the past 20 years. He kindly made the list available to us and we reproduce it here. Please note that some of these have already been formally published in whole or in part. Photocopies of several of them can be purchased from University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A.

The list is, of course, far from complete; if you send us additional titles we can include them in the next Newsletter.

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Directory of Echinoderm Specialists - Supplement 1

The list below is undoubtedly incomplete; as new names become available they will be included in addendum sheets in succeeding newsletters. A complete new directory will be compiled periodically. Where information has been sent to us, we have entered below the interests of specialists.

Abbreviations: Taxonomic - Ast., Asteroidea; Blast., Blastoidea; Carp., Carpoidea; Crin., Crinoidea; Cyst., Cystoidea; Ech., Echinoidea; Edrio., Edrioasteroidea; Eocrin., Eocrinoidea; Helico., Helicoplacoidea; Holo., Holothuroidea; Mach., Machaeridia; Oph., Ophiuroidea.

- Field bioch., biochemistry, cryst., crystallography; dev., development; ec., ecology; emb., embryology; gen., genetics; hist., histology; morph., morphology; pal., paleontology; phyl., phylogeny; phys., physiology; pop., population dynamics; sys., systematics; tax., taxonomy; zoog., zoogeography.
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- BOCKELIE, Dr. J. Fr., Paleontologisk Museum, Universitetet i Oslo, Oslo N. ϕ ., Norway. (Cyst.-morph., sys., ec., pal.)
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- KEEGAN, Mr. Brendan F., Department of Zoology, University College, Galway, Eire.
- LILLY, Mr. George, Bellairs Research Institute, St. James, Barbados.
- LÜTZEN, Dr. Jørgen, Institute of Comparative Anatomy, University of Copenhagen, 15, Universitetsparken, Copenhagen Ø, Denmark.
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- MAJOR, Dr. C. W., Department of Zoology, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.
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Proposed Echinoderms Conference

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For some time we have been discussing the possibility of holding a conference on echinoderms, to provide a forum for critical examination of several aspects of the biology and evolution of the group, and to enable echinoderm specialists to meet informally, discuss their research interests and exchange ideas. This announcement is a first circular, to determine if you would be willing and able to attend such a conference. We urge you to respond as soon as possible (use attached questionnaire) so that we can quickly make a decision to either go ahead with it or abandon the idea.

Date: September 6-8 inclusive, 1972.

Place: National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Financial arrangements: We cannot provide funds to assist travel or accommodation of participants. Some funds will be available to support or subsidize a dinner and one or more informal social gatherings.

Accommodations: Several hotels, varying in price, can be found within a reasonable distance of the museum. In a later announcement (December), we can list nearby hotels and prices.

Structure of the conference: After long discussions with colleagues, it has been decided that the three-day conference will cover all aspects of living and fossil echinoderm biology, subdivided into the following broad categories:

Evolution and relationships

Structure and diversity

General biology (ecology, reproduction, behavior, physiology, etc.)

The amount of time devoted to each category will be determined on the basis of the number of papers submitted in each category.

We are aiming at a maximum of informality, and ideal conditions for the exchange of information. We urge you to present a paper discussing your most recent research activities, presenting new ideas, or discussing proposed future research.

Please try to limit papers to 15-20 minutes. Of course, longer and shorter contributions are also acceptable. There will be ample time for discussion at the end of each paper.

Tentative program:

September 5 (evening) - informal social gathering

September 6, 7, 8. - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - session

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - lunch

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - session

Other details can be worked out later. Please reply at your earliest convenience.